Multination company. Two companies, Mis. Hindustan Lever Lid., Bombay and Mis. Hindustan Gum and Chemicals, Bhiwani have foreign equity of more than 40% and are engaged in food processing as per the information available.

(b) and (c). The proposal of Mis. Kellogg company of USA for establishing a new undertaking with 51 % foreign equity and remaining equity to be offered to Indian public, has been cleared by the Reserve Bank of India under automatic approval scheme under the new Industrial Policy.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline In Fertilizer Production

1029. SHRIMATI VASUNOHARA RAJE:WillthePRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the production of fertilizers during the cu rent financial year;

(b) if so, the extent of decline in the production of fertilizers both Nitrogen and Phosphate together with the reasons for the decline; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of the fertilizer units which are falling short of production targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS ANO FERTILIZERS (OR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The targets and actual production of fertilizers, in terms of nutrients, during the current financial year 1991-92 (April-October, 1991) is given below:-

(000 MT)

	Target	*Actual*	*Shortfall* as *Compared to target*
Nitrogen	4120.1	4042.5	77.6
Phosphate	1575.0	1541.6	33.4

However, when compared with the production during the corresponding period of 1990-91, there has been a positive growth of 1.3. per cent in the case of Nitrogen and 14.4 percent in the case of Phosphate production.

The major reasons for the marginal-shortfall vis-a-vis the target in the production of fertilizers during the current years are given below:-

(i} Non-availability of natural gas in all the gas-based fertilizers plant from 9th to 19th September; 1991 due to ONGC Officer strike.

(ii) One stream of Hazira plant of KRIBHCO remained under complete shutdown from 26th September to 20th October, 1991 due to a fire accident.

(iii) Failure of critical equipment in all the three streams of Urea plant of RCF at Thal.

(iv) Equipment problem in all the plants of FCI and HFC, SFC Kata, ICI

Kanpur, Cochin I & II of FACT, Trombay of RCF,ZAC Goa, GNFC Bharuch and IGFCC Jagdishpur.

(v) Power problem inFACTUdyogamandal NLC Neyveli. CFI-Vizag, IFFCO-Paradeep and all the plants of RCF.

(vi) Labour problem in HLL-Haldia and IGFCC-Jagdishpur.

(vii) Other problems-Raw water shortage inNamrup-111 of HFC and Thal plant of RCF.

(c) The following steps have been/are being taken to improve the performance of the fertilizer units which are falling short of production targets:-

(i) Improving capacityutilisation by replacement renewal of problematic equipments;

(ii) constant monitoring by preventive and predictive maintenance;

(iii) Revamping modernisation of the plant;

(iv) Assistance by the Government to the manufacturing units in obtaining the raw materials; and

(v) Periodical review of the performance of the public and co-Opetative sector units by the Government with a view to giving suitable directions, wherever required, for improving their performance.

Winding up of Certain Fertilizer units

1030. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE
SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR **SHARMA**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of fertilizer manufacturing units in the country;

(b) revamping/renovation schemes, if any, formulated therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to wind up or to privatise certain loss incurring fertilizer units;

(d) if so.the details th of; and

(e) the approximate number of employees working in such units and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that these employees do not become jobless?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CH INTA MOHAN): (a) The status of fertilizer manufacturing units (as on 31-3-91) is given in the table below:-

Particulars	*Unit*	*Public Sector*	*Co-operative Sector*	*Private Sector*	*Total*
1. I.	Nitrogen and Complex Plants (Nos.)	30	5	18	53
II.	Single Super (Nos.) Phosphate Plants	7	—	82	89
2.	Installed Capacity (In lakh MT)				
	Nitrog◆n	43.74	15.31	23.43	82.47
	Phosphate	7.92	3.09	16.50	2751